

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Radiography Workshop

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff plans to convene a public workshop to discuss issues concerning industrial radiography associated equipment. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the American Society for Nondestructive Testing, Inc.'s (ASNT's), 1997 Fall Conference and Quality Testing Show, Post Conference Seminar. The issues to be discussed include a vendor petition for rulemaking to remove the reference to associated equipment from radiography equipment regulations and an NRC proposal for resolving certain issues. The workshop will also provide an opportunity for representatives from the radiography industry to comment on how associated equipment should be regulated.

DATE AND TIME: The workshop will meet on October 24, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Double Tree Hotel Pittsburgh, 1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. Telephone 412-281-3700. ASNT telephone number: (800) 222-ASNT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Bruce Carrico, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, MS T8F5, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7826, e-mail jbc@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 10, 1991, NRC published in the *Federal Register* (55 FR 843) a final rule revising the regulations applicable to industrial radiography, 10 CFR Part 34. The revision introduced a new section, 10 CFR 34.20, that required licensees to only use radiographic exposure devices and associated equipment that comply with criteria specified in that section. Paragraph (d) of 10 CFR 34.20 provided that all newly manufactured radiographic exposure devices and associated equipment (manufactured after January 10, 1992) acquired by NRC licensees must meet 10 CFR 34.20 requirements (specified in American National Standards Institute (ANSI), N432-1980). In addition, licensees were to ensure that all equipment used in radiographic operations after January 10, 1996, complies with the applicable requirements.

Since the final implementation date, i.e., January 10, 1996, some confusion has arisen concerning the regulations' applicability to associated equipment. Associated equipment is currently defined as, " * * * equipment that is used in conjunction with a radiographic exposure device to make radiographic exposures that drives, guides, or comes in contact with the source, (e.g., guide tube, control tube, control (drive) cable, removable source stop, "J" tube and collimator when it is used as an exposure head." In addition, in April 1996, NRC received a Petition for Rulemaking requesting that "NRC amend its regulations to remove reference to associated equipment from § 34.20 so that continued inspection and enforcement of the rule would be performed on the basis of source and device reviews only." The objective of this workshop is to discuss NRC's understanding of the problems and possible solutions, and provide a forum for an exchange of ideas between industry representatives and NRC on how associated equipment should be regulated. NRC anticipates that representatives from the regulated industry and the equipment manufacturers will be in attendance.

Conduct of the Workshop: The workshop will be chaired by Larry W. Camper, Chief, Medical, Academic, and Commercial Use Safety Branch, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. The workshop will be conducted in a manner that will expedite the orderly conduct of business. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 14th day of October, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Larry W. Camper,

Chief Medical, Academic, and Commercial Use Safety Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of October 20, 27, November 3, and 10, 1997.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of October 20

There are no meetings the week of October 20.

Week of October 27—Tentative

Wednesday, October 29

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (public meeting) (if needed)

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Site Decommissioning Plan (SDMP) (public meeting) (Contact: John Hickey—301-415-7234)

Thursday, October 30

10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

All Employees Meetings (public meetings) on "The Green" Plaza Area between buildings at White Flint (Contact: Bill Hill—301-415-1661)

Week of November 3

Tuesday, November 4

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Commonwealth Edison (public meeting)

Wednesday, November 5

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Staff's Plans for 50.59 Regulatory Process Improvements (public meeting)

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (public meeting) (if needed)

Week of November 10

There are no meetings the week of November 10.

The schedule for commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

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